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# FANTASTIC FARCE

Preceding the monthly meeting of the Academic Council, a disappointingly small group of concerned faculty and students gathered in the quadrangle to demonstrate their support of Mr. Staub and Mr. Wills. Their peaceful accession to the council meeting was marred only by the apathetic stares of seemingly indifferent faculty members and disinterested student.

At the meeting, Dr. Golding, as chairman of the Academic Council, began by stating in accordance with the ruling of the academic council, only members of the "academic community" would be allowed in attendance and asked all others to leave. This of course meant that the members of the press who were present would not be able to report to the public on an issue of vital importance to WSU (a public institution). Thus only a few outside of Dr. Golding's "academic community" would know of the fantastic farce being perpetrated in the name of justice at WSU.

The farce was presented in the form of a report to the Academic Council by the Faculty Affairs Committee. It was the job of the committee to investigate and report on the intimidation and dismissal of Mr. Staub and Mr. Wills. It is necessary to look at a bit of history and make-up of the Faculty Affairs Committee in order to gain a full prospective of the ramifications of this plot. A letter was sent by Dr. Sachs, a member of the Academic Council, to Dr. Cox, chairman of the Steering Committee, asking for the formation of an ad-hoc committee to investigate any alleged intimidation and dismissals occurring at WSU. The by-laws of the Academic Council have within them the mechanism for the formation of this proposed ad-hoc committee. Dr. Cox, whether willingly or unwittingly, perpetuated the farce by not forming an ad-hoc committee but empowered the Faculty Affairs Committee to pursue the investigation. I assert "perpetuated the farce" for one need look no further than the make-up of this committee before one questions the ethical advisability of using this committee to sit in judgement on any faculty member. Of the seven members of this committee three are departmental chairmen and one is a dean. By Dr. Golding's own professed standards these members are part of the "university family". The AAUP states that faculty status should be determined by faculty members. English law requires judgement by one's peers, but Dr. Cox thought better. It is interesting to note that Mr. Spotter, who was the only representative of the liberal arts college, of which Mr. Staubs and Mr. Wills are part of, was forced to resign from this committee.

Thus the ground work was laid, the stage set, and the actors taken their places to enact this farce before the academic council.

The report displayed little imagination and even less creativity on the part of the Faculty Affairs Committee excepting for an insignificant section which asserted virtual anarchy in the liberal arts department. The report, of course, found for the administration. The report in accordance with official administration accusations against Mr. Wills and Mr. Staub held that the two aforementioned were not making adequate academic progress (toward their doctorate)—this in light of no official guidelines concerning academic progress. Curiously, or perhaps more pathetically, the report went on to assert that the fact that other faculty members had not attained their Phd's was not the business of this committee.

Dr. Hussman, a member of the Academic Council, moved that the report be rejected in its entirety. During the ensuing debate, Mr. Spotter asked that he be allowed to submit what amounts to a minority report. He alleged that significant changes had been made in the report since his resignation Saturday. It was felt that Mr. Spotter's report could answer some of the many questions raised by the council members concerning the committee report. Therefore the council recessed until 1:30 Wed. Jan., 22, in order that Mr. Spotter might prepare his report.

And thus the farce goes on...and on...and on...

Sanford H. Jaffe





## LEARN NOW, PAY LATER

Although we credit Walker Allen and his boys with attempts to revolutionize the registration system from term to term, we see on large oversight in their endeavors. Students

are required to pay tuition fees at the time of registration. Permitting students to pay tuition in installments would work to the benefit of the faculty, staff, and last of all the students. Two major advantages would result from such a change.

First, it would be a financial relief for the students. As the system now stands, students registering before Christmas had to pay 163.00 then or else their registration was cancelled. Many students were caught in this bind and had to register after Christmas. Others hold up the whole process by waiting to register after Christmas when they were able to pay the 163.00. For many of the students it is a real hardship to come up with 163.00 at the beginning of each quarter.

Second, the time length of the registration period could be shortened from the 36 hours over 6 days to perhaps 20 hours over 3 days. Registration for this quarter cut into faculty vacation both before and after Christmas; yet long hours were spent sitting around in the cafeteria doing essentially nothing.

Considering the fact that WSU is theoretically orientated to the less affluent students, many of whom work to stay in school, we recommend the following change in which students be permitted to pay tuition by one of three schedules:

1. Pay 163.00 at the time of registration.
2. Extend the deadline for the 163.00 until the end of the first week of classes.
3. Split the payment into two installments. The first 85.00 installment would be due by the end of the first week of classes, and the second 85.00 payment would be due by the end of the fifth week of classes. Included in this option is a 7.00 increase per quarter, which is 4% interest per month, an adequate allowance for extra clerical expense.

Our system would require that the students indicate on their registration cards which of the three time schedules they intended to use.

We feel that our recommendation is in the spirit that the University was created under.

We invite Walker Allen to write a response to this article, which we would be most happy to print in our next issue of the PHOENIX.

Replace  
Registration  
with a  
HEAD  
Count

ARLO...



NO ONE LIKED  
ME BEFORE,



THEY SHUNNED ME  
BECAUSE I LIED,



THEY REJECTED ME  
BECAUSE I CHEATED,



THEY HATED ME  
BECAUSE I STOLE,



BUT NOW PEOPLE  
ACCEPT ME FOR  
WHAT I AM,



NOW THAT I'M  
IN OFFICE,

Anders



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DO NOT!!!  
FOLD, SPINDLE, & MATING  
AWARD: *Cap*

Joy came into the lives of one Mr. and Mrs. Walker in the form of a bouncing baby boy. Their hopes for their prodigy grew as the boy did. On him they pinned his diapers and their dreams, dreams of shinging in the light of his hoped for successos. The fatoful day came when little Allon registered at his community university where he anxiously---perhaps too anxiously---wrote his name on the proper line of his punch card. Little did he know that his neglect of the instruction, "Last name first, first name last", would prove the downfall of his parent's aspirations. A callous registrar, university and diploma graduated Walker Allen four years later. The deed done, poor Allen never could fulfill his parent's dream. To wright this inhuman wrong, we now recognize little Allen and his parents as we present him a certificate containg a gold ombossed replica of the second letter of his last name.

## The AAUP

It has come to the attention of the PHOENIX staff, that a letter has been sent to the National American Association of University Professors (AAUP). This letter purportedly complains of unfair treatment to certain members of the Wright State University faculty, namly Don Wills and Pete Staub, and charges that the academic freedom of those men has been violated by the administration here.

The results of this letter could be catastrophic for the future of Wright State. It is probable now that the national AAUP will send a team of men to investigate those charges and if an unfavorable report were returned it could result in Wright State University being placed on the National AAUP conser list. This action means, in essence, that it would be impossible for WSU to recruit qualified faculty. No one of any academic standing would work, or want to work, at an institution that the AAUP feels practices unfair treatment of its faculty. As the PHOENIX has pointed out several times before, Wright State University practices fall far below the AAUP minimum on several points. At this point we can only forecast that the future does indeed look dark for Wright State.







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